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SUBJ: GUINEA-BISSAU: APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP

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SUMMARY: PRIOR TO "PRO-FORMA" MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL
RE GUINEA-BISSAU APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO UN, SC PRES
MALIK CALLED ALL MEMBERS SC INTO CONSULTATION AT 3:30 P.M.
TO HEAR REQUEST OF FRENCH DELEGATE FOR DELAY IN SCHEDULING OF
COMITE ON ADMISSIONS' REVIEW OF APPLICATION. SC MEMBERS AGREED
THAT COMITE ON ADMISSIONS MEETING SHOULD BE PUT OFF FROM AUG 9 TO
MORNING 12 AUG: HOWEVER, SC MEMBERSHIP STRONGLY IN FAVOR
MEETING AFTERNOON 12 AUG TO ACCEPT REPORT OF COMITE AND
FINISH ACTION ON G-B.
END SUMMARY.

1. PRIOR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR "PRO-FORMA" ACCEPTANCE OF
APPLICATION OF G-B FOR MEMBERSHIP IN UN, SC PRES MALIK CALLED
MEMBERS TO FORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER HEAR REQUEST OF
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FRENCH DEL TO POSTPONE MEETING OF COMITE ON ADMISSIONS UNTIL
MONDAY MORNING, 12 AUG. FRENCH REP (LECOMPTE) (WHO TOLD BENNETT

PARIS HAD HAD URGENT REQUEST FROM LISBON TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT SC ACTION), STATED THAT AS REP OF EUROPEAN COUNTRY, HE COMPREHENDS PRESENT POSITION OF PORTUGAL AND CALLS ON SC TO MAINTAIN ITS TRADITION OF HARMONIOUS ENTRY OF NEW NATIONS INTO UN. THEREFORE, FRANCE ASKS SC TO ACCEPT POSTPONEMENT OF COMITE ON ADMISSIONS DISCUSSION UNTIL 12 AUG, THEREBY ALLOWING COMITE TO HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS EMANATING FROM ALGIERS MEETING OVER WEEK-END.

2. AUSTRALIA (AMB MCINTYRE) STATED HIS GOVT READY SUPPORT G-B APPLICATION REGARDLESS OF TIMING; HOWEVER, COURTESY CALLS FOR ACCOMMODATION TO BOTH APRTIES IF SUCH ACCOMMODATION (POSTPONEMENT) WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FULL ACCLAMATION BY SC OF G-B MEMBERSHIP. HE ADDED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF SC SHOULD BEAR IN MIND RULES 59 AND 60 AND IF NEGOTIATIONS DO NOT SUCCEED, SC SHOULD AVOID ANY EXCESSIVE DELAY IN CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION.

3. UK (AMB RICHARD) POINTED OUT THAT FRANCE WAS ONLY REQUESTING MINOR DELAY IN SCHEDULING OF COMITE ON ADMISSIONS AND ADDED THAT UK FIRMLY SUPPORTES G-B APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND ONCE PROCESS OF ADMISSION (ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION) HAS STARTED, UK WILL NOT RPT NOT GO ALONG WITH ANY FURTHER DELAY.

4. MAURITANIAN PERMREP (EL HASSEN), SPEAKING AS AFRICAN AND EXPONENT OF COMPROMISE, STATED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT OFF COMITE OF ADMISSIONS MEETING MORNING 12 AUG BUT FELT SC SHOULD STILL BE SCHEDULED MEET AFTERNOON 12 AUG TO RECEIVE REPORT OF COMITE. HE WAS SUPPORTED IN HIS SUGGESTION BY REPS OF BYELORUSSIA, KENYA, IRAQ, AND INDONESIA. SC PRES MALIK ANNOUNCED THAT IN VIEW OF EXPRESSION BY MEMBERS OF SC, HE WOULD HOLD BRIEF FORMAL SC MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONSULTATIONS TO ACCEPT APPLICATION AT WHICH HE WOULD ANNOUNCE THAT COMITE ON ADMISSIONS WOULD MEET AT 11 A.M. MORNING 12 AUGUST.

5. SHORT "PRO-FORMA" MEETING OF SC ACCORDINGLY HELD 8 AUG P.M. AT WHICH PRES READ OUT STATEMENT RE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION OF G-B FOR MEMBERSHIP IN UN AND ADDED THAT SC
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WOULD REFER APPLICATION TO COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS WHICH WOULD MEET MORNING 12 AUGUST. HE ADDED SC WILL THEN MEET AFTERNOON 12 AUGUST TO ACCEPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

6. COMMENT: GIVEN THEIR DEEP FEELINGS ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND INDEPENDENCE, AFRICAN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES REASONABLE AND ACCOMMODATING IN AGREEING TO DELAY IN HANDLING OF G-B APPLICATION. THERE IS STRONG CONSENSUS IN SC, HOWEVER, AT TIS STAGE THAT ISSUE HAS HAD AMPLE

TIME TO MATURE AND SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF WITHOUT FURTHER
POSTPONEMENT BEYOND AUGUST 12. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED OPINION
THAT, IF FURTHER DELAYS IN SC ACTION COME TO BE CONSIDERED
NECESSARY, THE BEST AND POSSIBLY ONLY WAY TO ACCOMPLISH
THIS WILL BE THOROUGH A CLEAR, ON-THE-RECORD REQUEST TO AFRICANS
AND OTHERS ON SC FROM G-B AUTHORITIES.
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